

Remarks

Claims 1-29 and 41-43 were pending in the present application, of which claims 11-14 and 17-19 have been amended and from which claims 15 and 41-43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Initially, the Examiner is thanked for holding a telephonic interview with the undersigned on October 21, 2003 to discuss the outstanding rejection. This amendment is submitted in response thereto.

Further, the Examiner is thanked for indicating claims 26, 27 and 29 to be allowed and for indicated claims 6, 12, 13, 15 and 28 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitations of allowable claim 15 have been added to independent claim 11, thereby mooting the rejection of claim 11.

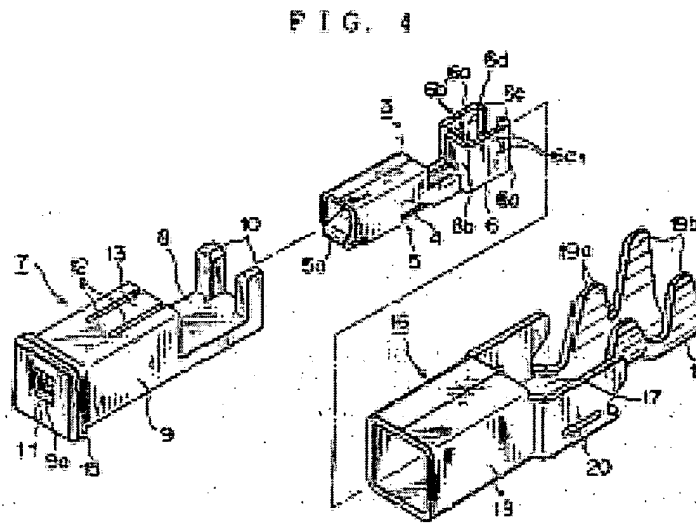
Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 14, 16-25 and 41-43 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi (USP 5,975,950). Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi in view of Schumacher (USP 3,828,298). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for reasons set forth hereafter.

With regard to claim 1, a cable connector is recited that includes first and second insulated housings matable with one another; first and second center contacts being inserted into first and second cavities within respective housings; and first and second outer ground contacts. At least one of the first and second center contacts constitutes a blade contact having a flat planar body section.

It is submitted that Yamaguchi fails to teach or suggest the claimed combination and lacks, among other things, a blade contact having a flat planar body section. Instead, Yamaguchi discloses an inner terminal 3 provided with an electrical contact 5 that is described and illustrated as follows:

The electrical contact 5 is formed as a cylindrical tab receiving portion for receiving the tab-like electrical contact of the shielding terminal 2', which is the mating terminal. The electrical contact 5 is provided with an elastic tongue 5a, extending from the top edge of the conductive substrate 4 and bending toward the inside of the tab receiving portion (column 4, lines 25-31).

To better illustrate the structure of electrical contact 5', Figure 4 of Yamaguchi is reproduced hereafter.



It is quite clear from Figure 4 of the Yamaguchi patent and from the above quotation from Yamaguchi that the electrical contact 5 does not teach or suggest a blade contact having a flat planar body section. As clearly stated by Yamaguchi, the electrical contact 5 includes a cylindrical tab receiving portion and includes an elastic tongue 5a, which extends from the top edge of the conductive substrate 4 and is bent toward the inside of the tab receiving portion.

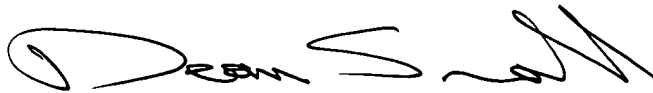
Turning to claim 20, a co-axial cable connector is recited, having a housing, a center blade contact having a flat planar body and ground contacts. The ground and center blade contacts are retained by the housing and are arranged parallel to one another. As explained above, Yamaguchi does not teach a blade contact having a flat planar body. Nor does Yamaguchi teach or suggest arranging ground and center blade contacts parallel to one another.

Finally, it is maintained that the dependent claims recite separate and unique features that are patentable separate and apart from the patentability of the independent claims. For specific reference, attention is directed to the arguments submitted in the amendment of June 17, 2003 filed in the subject application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No.: 01-2384 for any fees, or credit any overpayments in the matter. The Commissioner was also previously authorized in the Response to the Office Action of March 7, 2003 to charge Deposit Account No.: 01-2384 for any additional fees, if required. Two independent claims were added, in that response but Applicant inadvertently did not reflect the cost on the Amendment Transmittal. Additionally, Applicant's deposit account was not charged for the additional claims, even though the Commissioner was authorized to do so. Therefore, Applicant is requesting the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No.: 01-2384 in the amount of \$172.00 for the addition of the two independent claims in the June 17, 2003 Response. The current transmittal will reflect that the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is seven, and however, six independent claims remain after this Amendment.

In view of the forgoing comments it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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